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NEW YORK EGG PRODUCTION UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS OCTOBER

Egg production on New York farms totaled 101 million eggs in October 2009, the same as last year, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York office.

The number of hens and pullets of laying age, at 4.07 million, increased 1 percent from October 2008 but the rate of lay decreased 1 percent to 2,484 eggs per 100 layers.

A dozen eggs brought New York poultry farmers an average of 66.5 cents per dozen for eggs sold in October, up 9.5 cents from September but down 25.0 cents from October 2008.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.69 billion during October 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 990 million were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2009 averaged 336 million, up slightly from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,292 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2008.

U.S. Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2009 totaled 37.4 million, down 7 percent from October 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on November 1, 2009, up 3 percent from a year ago. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.